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THROUGH ROMANIAN AIRSPACE

11. (U) Department requests that Embassy Bucharest deliver the diplomatic note in para two requesting transit of U.S. aircraft to Croatia through Romanian airspace to assist with air support coverage during the President, s visit, April 4 and 5, 2008.

12. (U) Begin text of diplomatic note:

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Defense of the Government of Romania, and has the honor to request the Ministry, s support to approve transit of U.S. aircraft assisting the Government of Croatia with air security patrols over Croatian airspace on April 4 and 5, 2008, for the visit of the President of the United States of America.

The United States of America respectfully requests concurrence from the Republic of Romania that the United States Air Force F-15 aircraft on temporary deployment to Campia Turzii Air Base in support of NATO Summit 2008 Bucharest may take off from Campia Turzii and transit Romanian air space, with weapons, in a direct manner, through Romania and enter Hungarian airspace as permitted by Hungary en route to Croatia to assist the Government of Croatia with its air security patrol and then return to Campia Turzii.

Moreover, the United States of America requests concurrence that the United States Air Force F-15 aircraft on temporary deployment to Graf Ignatievo Air Base, Bulgaria in support of NATO Summit 2008 Bucharest may transit Romanian air space, with weapons, in a direct manner, from Graf Ignatievo, through Romania and enter Hungarian airspace as permitted by Hungary en route to Croatia to assist the Government of Croatia with its air security patrol, and then return through Romanian airspace to Graf Ignatievo.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Defence its assurances of the highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America Bucharest, April XX, 2008

End text of note. RICE